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Applicant: Roger Marcel HUMBEL
Serial No.: 10/634,649
Filing Date: 05 August 2003
Title: SAFETY-RELEASE BINDING

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEYS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Request for Permission to Withdraw

The undersigned attorneys request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in the referenced U.S. Patent Application, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.36 and 37 CFR §10.40.

Douglas H. Pauley is signing this Request on behalf of Thomas W. Speckman (Registration No. 22,617), Margaret M. Crosby (Registration No. 40,969) and Janine A. Moderson (Registration No. 50,981).

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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Date

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Status of U.S. Patent Application

The referenced U.S. Patent Application was filed on 05 August 2003, without payment of the Filing Fee and with an unexecuted Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition document.

The office of the undersigneds has not yet received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office a Notice of Missing Parts of Application for the referenced U.S. Patent Application.

The office of the undersigneds has received a return receipt postcard, indicating that Serial Number 10/634,649 has been assigned to the referenced U.S. Patent Application.

Basis for Withdrawal Request

There is an actual or potential conflict of interest that exists between the Applicant of the referenced U.S. Patent Application and an existing client of Pauley Petersen & Erickson (PPE).

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Feldmann & Partner AG (F&P), a Swiss patent firm, has been a client of PPE for many years. On 29 July 2003, F&P instructed PPE to enter National Phase in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, from a PCT International Application, for the Applicant. On 05 August 2003, PPE filed the referenced U.S. Patent Application, in unexecuted form. PPE has not received an executed version of the Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition document.

After filing the referenced U.S. Patent Application, PPE became aware of a potential or actual conflict between F&P and the Applicant of the referenced U.S. Patent Application.

On 10 September 2003, PPE forwarded to the Applicant of the referenced U.S. Patent Application, a copy of PPE's file, including a copy of each and every document filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. PPE enclosed to the Applicant a Change of Correspondence Address and Revocation of Prior Powers document for execution by the Applicant. However, PPE has not received the executed Change of Correspondence Address and Revocation of Prior Powers document from the Applicant. Thus, PPE kindly requests the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to grant this Request for Withdrawal as Attorneys in the referenced U.S. Patent Application.

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Allowance of Time for Client to Act

When the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mails a Notice of Missing Parts of Application, Applicant will have two (2) months from the Mailing Date to respond with documents necessary to complete filing requirements.

The amount of time for response, including any extension of time permissible, cannot be calculated because, to the best of the knowledge of the undersigned, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has not yet mailed an Action in response to the filing of the unexecuted U.S. Patent Application.

Notification of Client

In accordance with 37 CFR §10.40(a), a copy of this request is being sent to the client. A copy of a Certificate of Service is attached.

Conclusion

This Request for Withdrawal as Attorneys is enclosed in triplicate.

Should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office require any further document or information, please contact Douglas H. Pauley, at PPE's address indicated below.

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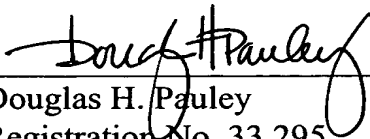
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a document entitled REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ATTORNEYS, as filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on 17 October 2003, was served upon the Applicant of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/634,649, by mailing a true copy thereof by Federal Express Delivery to the last known address of the Applicant, as set forth below, this 17th day of October 2003.

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